

GIANT PUMPKIN CONTEST
Saturday, August 15, 2009
Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN
Ball State Agriculture & Horticulture Building
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ★ ★ ★

Friday, July 17, 2009

Entry Forms Due: No pumpkins will be admitted to competition if entry form is not postmarked by July 17, 2009.

Saturday, August 15, 2009

7:00 am - 9:30 am: Pumpkins delivered to Indiana State Fairgrounds (ISF) for judging. Delivery site: Indiana Deaf School parking lot (north of fairgrounds on 42nd Street.) Exhibitors will be allowed to leave their trucks/trailers parked in Deaf School parking lot on Saturday, August 15. The Indiana State Fairgrounds is located at 1202 East 38th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

A forklift will be available and pumpkins should be delivered to the Indiana State Fair on pallets. They will be loaded on hay wagons and driven to the Ball State Agriculture & Horticulture building inside the Fairgrounds for weigh-in.

10:00 am - Noon: Pumpkin inspection & Weigh-off

Noon - Awards Presentation (Top 10 only)

Top 10 pumpkins will remain on display on Saturday, August 15 – Sunday, August 23. All non-winning pumpkin entries will be put on wagons and taken back to trucks/trailers in Deaf School parking lot on Saturday after weigh-off has been completed.

Monday, August 24, 2009

Growers can pick up pumpkins from 8 am - Noon. All pumpkins left at Indiana State Fair after Noon, Monday, August 24, 2009 will be disposed of.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ★ ★ ★

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Ball State Agriculture & Horticulture Building
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State Fair Entry Department (317) 927-7515

For more information on contest and growing giant pumpkins:

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Indiana Pumpkin Growers Association Website:

www.ipga.us/

Indiana State Fair Website:

www.indianastatefair.com

To download a copy of this brochure:

www.in.gov/statefair/fair/entertainment/special-Pumpkin.html

★ ★ ★ TERMS AND CONDITIONS ★ ★ ★

It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be familiar with and understand all terms and conditions concerning exhibition.

1. The pumpkin must be grown and cared for by the exhibitor. Pumpkin growers from any state can compete.

2. Exhibitor must have completed entry form with fees postmarked by July 17, 2009 to the Indiana State Fair Entry Department.

3. Pumpkins must weigh a minimum of 200 pounds to be considered for exhibit at the State Fair contest.

4. Pumpkins must be on pallets when delivered to Indiana State Fairgrounds. A forklift will be available to unload and load pumpkin(s).

5. An exhibitor can only enter up to 2 specimens per address. If a grower brings two pumpkins, only one pumpkin will be eligible for prize money. Grower must be present for weigh-off and judging.

6. Pumpkins that have been previously weighed at a weigh-off contest other than the Indiana State Fair's will not be eligible for Indiana State Fair competition.

7. Any entry from the genus Cucurbita of the family Cucurbitaceae, a group that includes the pumpkins and squashes, will be considered a pumpkin.

8. Cooperative Extension Agents and/or government representatives will be on site to serve as judges and to inspect entries and supervise weighing.

9. Each pumpkin must be sound, healthy and undamaged. Entries must be free of rot, holes and/or cracks through to the interior cavity, chemical residues and serious soft spots. Cracks, holes and openings shall be free of any foreign material. The judges will probe any crack, hole or opening into the pumpkin which visually appears to extend into the interior cavity. A 36" by 1/16" probe will be provided to the judge to probe any suspect cracks, openings or holes. An opening where the probe meets no resistance into the interior cavity will disqualify the pumpkin from the competition. The decision of the judges is final.

10. Chemical residues and soil must be cleaned from the pumpkin before arrival at the Indiana State Fair for the protection of lifters and spectators.

11. The judges have the right to fully inspect each pumpkin before the official weight is announced. Refusal to allow a thorough inspection of the pumpkin will result in disqualification.

12. Pumpkin must clear the scale in sound condition in order for the weight to be official and grower eligible for prize money.

13. In the event of ties, the prize money for that placing and the placing under it will be combined and split equally.

14. The Indiana State Fair Commission and the IPGA will assume no liability for any injury or accident occurring in transit to or from the Fairgrounds or while on the Fairgrounds. Not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.

15. Indiana State Fair will provide 2 gate admission tickets per entry form for pumpkin competition.

16. Parking for trucks/trailers will be provided at the Indiana Deaf School parking lot on Saturday, August 15.

17. The Indiana State Fair retains the rights to all pumpkins exhibited. If the Indiana State Fair does not want to retain rights, pumpkins are responsibility of the growers.

18. Growers can pick up pumpkins on Monday, August 24. All pumpkins left at the Indiana State Fair after Noon on August 24 will be disposed of.

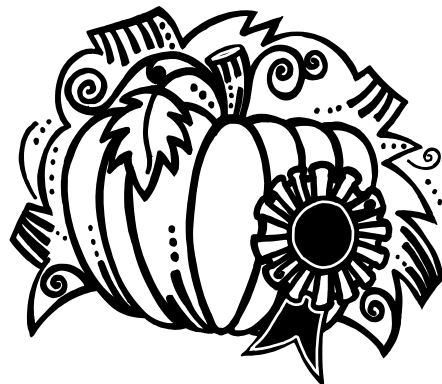
19. Prize money will be awarded based on each entry clearing inspection and weight. Prize money sponsored by Indiana State Fair. Prize Money awarded to highest weighing pumpkin:

Class Description

1. Pumpkin, largest single, sound specimen by weight
- 1st place - \$1000, 2nd place - \$500, 3rd place - \$250, 4th place - \$100, 5th place - \$75, 6th place - \$50, 7th place - \$50, 8th place - \$25, 9th place - \$25, 10th place - \$25

MAIL THE ATTACHED ENTRY FORM TO:

**Indiana State Fair - Entry Department
1202 E. 38th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46205-2869**



The Indiana State Fair Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off has been approved as part of the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth (GPC). Indiana State Fair exhibitors are eligible for extra prize money from GPC if they qualify at the end of the growing season.



**Giant Pumpkin Contest
Dept. 112
2009 OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
INDIANA STATE FAIR Entry Department
1202 E. 38th St.
Indianapolis, IN 46205-2869
ENTRY DEPARTMENT: 317-927-7515**

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Processed _____
Exhibitor No. _____
Receipt No. _____
Parking Sticker No. _____
Ticket No. _____
Date Sent _____
Check # _____ \$ _____

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:

Owner Name _____

Email _____

Street or R.R. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____ Phone (_____) _____

How many years have you exhibited in this department at the Indiana State Fair? _____

SIGNATURE (Must be owner) (MUST BE IN INK) _____

Submission of an entry into the Indiana State Fair expressly binds the owner and all parties involved with the exhibition of the exhibit to all terms and conditions contained in the Giant Pumpkin Contest Terms & Conditions. Entry forms without valid signature will not be processed.

I plan to enter:

_____1 pumpkin at a minimum weight of 200 pounds each. _____2 pumpkins at a minimum weight of 200 pounds each.

Entry fee is \$15 per entry address. Entry fees are non-refundable. Each Exhibitor must pay all fees at time of making entry. Incomplete entries will be returned. Exhibitor will receive 2 gate admission tickets with each \$15 entry. Giant Pumpkin Entry Deadline - July 17, 2009 (Postmarked).

Make check payable to: Indiana State Fair (Do not send cash). Send check with Entry Form to: Entry Department, Indiana State Fair, 1202 E. 38th St., Indianapolis, IN 46205-2869.

*Read terms & conditions for complete contest information.

*Entries without correct fees included will be returned.

*One entrant per form. Entry form may be photocopied.

*The Indiana State Fair, Indiana State Fair Board, Indiana State Fair Commission, and all employees associated with each organization assume no liability of claims for the safety of exhibits while on the Fairgrounds. All applications are tendered and accepted upon that condition.

*No additions may be made.

*Pumpkin growers interested in exhibiting additional fruits and vegetables in the Agriculture & Horticulture building may do so by using the official Dept. 112 Agriculture & Horticulture entry form found at the Indiana State Fair web site: www.in.gov/statefair/fair/handbook/OpenClassHandbook.html

* Growers can enter 2 giant pumpkins and an additional 248 entries for \$30. Growers will receive 6 admission tickets with this type of Agriculture & Horticulture entry process and \$30 entry fee.